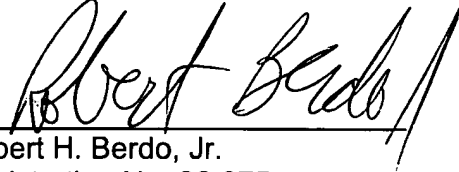


**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended. Examination of the amended application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Berdo, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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